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Minutes of March 5, 2008

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Approved April 2, 2008

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Elizabeth Karpati, Leslie Mayer, Joey Glushko, Lisa Decker, David White, Jane Auger.

Guests: Michael Fager, Mystic River Watershed Association
Sheila, resident of the Symmes neighborhood

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Michael Fager and the committee discussed the Master Plan for Alewife Reservation, and the potential impact of the new FEMA flood plain maps. Also discussed were the possible development of a DCR path along Rte 16 on state land, and a linear park along Mill Brook.

Following Mr. Fager's presentation, the minutes from 2-6-08 were reviewed and accepted with two corrections.

OLD BUSINESS

Land Acquisition: Joey stated that the old inventory of parcels had been located and would be reviewed.

Management Plans: Discussed the appropriate time to review management plans and decided to postpone work on them until the fall.

Symmes: Discussed the forest management plan built into the Symmes development project; this whole area will be reviewed after development completed.

Hill's Hill: discussed development of a management plan; Leslie suggested including the input of the Director of DPW to define the purpose of management plans.

ADA accessibility: Discussed appropriate timing for review of ADA requirements and how they more easily fit into periodic updates rather than routine management plans.

NEW BUSINESS

Invasive Plant Education: Arlington Garden Club is interested in presenting a workshop in spring 2009, possibly with OSC as a co-sponsor.
Spy Pond Committee is sponsoring a talk on Rain Gardens on 3/11/08.

Green Dog Update: Leslie discussed the neighborhood meetings that have taken place, and the decision not to submit a warrant to Town Meeting 2008. More work will be done with 2009 as a target. Two other dog related warrants were submitted to Town Meeting 2008, one to ban dogs from Menotomy Rocks Park completely, and another to arrange designated off-leash hours.

Vision 20/20: Joey reported that a warrant was submitted to Town Meeting 2008 to create a separate fund in perpetuity to support Arlington's water bodies.

Five-year plan: Discussed how to disseminate the OSC Plan for 2007-2012 to interested parties; decided to publish 75-100 full

documents, post the entire plan on-line on the Town website, and mail informational postcards and e-mails with the link rather than printing large numbers of excerpted versions as discussed previously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.
Next meeting planned for Wednesday April 2, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Auger